

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA
Asian American Community



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WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE



HENRY T. YANG

Chancellor

University of California,
Santa Barbara

Dear Prospective Students:

Thank you for your interest in UC Santa Barbara! This is an exciting time for you to be thinking about your future, and we are glad you are considering our campus as the next step in your education. You will find that the roads to growth and personal fulfillment take you far beyond intellectual pursuits. With that in mind, I invite you to get acquainted with our vibrant campus life.

This Asian American Resource Guide provides information on a wonderful variety of student clubs, programs, organizations, cultural events, activities, and campus services available to you, should you choose to become part of our UCSB family. I encourage you to browse through this guide and familiarize yourself with our community, including our Asian Resource Center. This center, created with students like you in mind, is one of many academic and personal support systems on our campus.

At UC Santa Barbara, our community encompasses a rich and diverse mix of cultures, backgrounds, talents, and perspectives. This diversity is an essential part of our academic excellence. Our university is proud to offer an Asian American Studies Department and an East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies Department – both of which are celebrating their 20th anniversary this year. We are also home to a newly established Confucius Institute and an Asian and Pacific American collection in our library.

Many exciting opportunities and rewarding experiences lie ahead for you at UC Santa Barbara, and we hope to have the pleasure of welcoming you to our beautiful campus in the fall. In the meantime, I offer you my sincerest best wishes for your continued success.



SHUJI NAKAMURA

Nobel Laureate
in Physics, 2014

Professor of Materials and
Electrical & Computer
Engineering

Welcome to the Asian American Resource Guide! I am so glad that you are interested in joining the academically vibrant and culturally diverse UC Santa Barbara community.

At UC Santa Barbara, our students have access to top-ranked programs, faculty-led research opportunities and amazing student resources all in a rigorous yet supportive environment. Our outstanding students are scholars, researchers, artists, entrepreneurs, leaders and global citizens. Students here have the chance to work with exceptional faculty at the top of their respective fields, and our undergraduate focus means they can form close and lasting relationships with these professors.

As a Nobel Laureate in Physics, I know firsthand how the research and discoveries made at UC Santa Barbara impact the world. Our campus values innovation, entrepreneurship, interdisciplinary collaboration and community, and our reach stretches beyond the classroom. A UC Santa Barbara degree not only provides you with unique and exciting opportunities while on campus but also opens the doors to your future. I welcome you to learn more about UCSB and picture yourself as a future Gaucho.



9,000

students volunteer
in the local
community

500

student
organizations



50%

of UCSB students
conduct research
with faculty

UNMATCHED RESOURCES

ASIAN RESOURCE CENTER (ARC)

The ARC promotes education and awareness of the diverse ethnicities within the Asian Pacific American community. The center also provides a supportive environment to develop an appreciation for one's identity. www.sa.ucsb.edu/EOP/ARC

EAST ASIA CENTER

Separate from the ARC, the East Asia Center organizes lectures and events on the culture, history, politics and societies of China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong. Students may request to join a listserv to receive email messages about upcoming events and announcements of fellowships and grants. www.eac.ucsb.edu

EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM (EAP)

The Education Abroad Program (EAP) allows UCSB students to study abroad in one of 40 countries around the world while earning course credit. There are opportunities for students in every major, and programs range in length from one quarter to one year. <http://eap.ucsb.edu>



ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES, B.A.

The Department of Asian American Studies was one of the first independent academic departments in the U.S. devoted to the study of Asian Americans. Students learn to evaluate the existing literature on Asian American communities, to analyze a variety of data on Asian Americans and to conduct original research. <http://www.asamst.ucsb.edu>

EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES & CULTURAL STUDIES

The East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies Department offers Bachelor's degrees in Asian Studies, Chinese and Japanese as well as minors in Chinese in Japanese. The department is dedicated to the study of China, Japan and Korea. Graduates go on to work in international business, banking, law, diplomacy, public service, research, teaching and translation services. <http://www.eastasian.ucsb.edu>

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



UCSB has more than 65 organizations for Asian American and Pacific Islander students. Organizations include academic, cultural, faith-based, Greek, political, service-based, social and more. For a complete list of campus organizations at UCSB, please visit <http://osl.sa.ucsb.edu>.

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT: CIRCLE K

Circle K International is the largest college community service organization in the world, and it continues to expand internationally working to serve the community. Circle K at UCSB is a self-governing organization that elects officers, conducts meetings and performs service activities. Circle K provides a positive environment for members to live by the organization's three tenets: service, leadership and fellowship. Events include a District Convention, Fall Training Conference and Spring Training Conference, which provide members with resources and leadership training. Learn more at www.facebook.com/ucsbcirclek.



73%

of undergraduate classes have fewer than 30 students

18:1

student-to-faculty ratio



18,000+

students live on or within a mile of campus



ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENT PERSPECTIVES



AUSTIN KANG

Global Studies, Class of 2016

WHY UCSB? As a transfer student, I really wanted to belong to a college community and UCSB provided just that. Along with the amazing weather and beautiful ocean, UCSB has a vibrant student community with a number of

organizations. There is sure to be something for everyone!

HOW ARE YOU INVOLVED AT UCSB? I joined Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business fraternity, and was involved in Associated Students my first quarter after transferring. Especially as a transfer student, it was a great way to meet people.



AKSHAYA NATARAJAN

Political Science / Asian American Studies, Class of 2018

WHY UCSB? I chose UCSB because of its reputation for academic diversity and success. I knew that I could pursue a rigorous academic curriculum and

wholeheartedly enjoy my college experience at the same time here at UCSB.

COMMUNITY AT UCSB I lived on the Asian/Pacific Islander (API) floor in the residence halls during my freshman year. I quickly realized that our Asian American community here at UCSB is incredibly involved and accomplished. I've built lifelong friendships that I know I'll take with me beyond my college years.



MO CHAKRAVARTY

Biochemistry - Molecular Biology, Class of 2018

WHY UCSB? The sense of community. Everyone on this campus is so friendly and accepting of each other. Rather than being a competitive environment,

UCSB students are collaborative and work together to succeed.

COMMUNITY AT UCSB I was assigned to the Asian/Pacific Islander (API) floor my first year. Even now, everyone still supports each other and meets up. The Asian community is a strong, loving support system, and I'm happy that I got a chance to really bond with all these amazing individuals.



DEREK CHU

Statistical Sciences, Class of 2019

WHY UCSB? I loved the fact that UCSB is located right next to a beach. UCSB also presented me with a high-quality education, a large group of diversified students and it was not too close yet

not too far from my home in the Bay.

HOW ARE YOU INVOLVED AT UCSB? I'm involved in Circle K International because I'm passionate about community service and giving back to the community. I also joined TASA (Taiwanese American Student Association) to immerse myself in my culture and to eat amazing food!

VISIT UCSB OR CONNECT VIRTUALLY

For information on scheduling a campus tour, visit the Office of Admissions website at www.admissions.ucsb.edu/visit-ucsb/tours. Can't visit in person? Stay connected to UCSB with virtual college fairs, online advising opportunities and webinars. To learn more, visit www.admissions.ucsb.edu/visit-ucsb/webinars.

SPRING INSIGHT OPEN HOUSE

Visit UCSB for Spring Insight, an open house for admitted students, future applicants and their families held annually in April. Meet with campus clubs and organizations, take a tour, attend lectures and hear about all the exciting opportunities available to UCSB students. Learn more at www.admissions.ucsb.edu/visit-ucsb/open-house.

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